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ABSTRACT

The three guides in the new Information Literacy Toolkit Series can help school library media specialists and teachers to promote and teach information literacy skills to young library users and to: collaborate in curriculum planning so that students will develop a cohesive skill set; teach the critical thinking and problem-solving skills that lead to information literacy; and use a step-by-step process, in line with curriculum standards yet flexible enough to adapt to school and district settings. The first two guides, "Information Literacy Toolkit: Grades Kindergarten-6" and "Information Literacy Toolkit: Grades 7 and Up," present skill-level appropriate tools that foster collaboration between libraries and schools, school library media specialists and teachers. The accompanying student workbook, "Research Projects: An Information Literacy Planner for Students," provides in-class support materials. "Information Literacy Toolkit: Grades Kindergarten-6" is organized into three parts--process overview, planning organizer, and teaching tools--to help library media specialists and teachers to introduce information literacy concepts and skills, and link literacy to standard subject areas (includes a CD-ROM and an index of blackline masters). "Information Literacy Toolkit: Grades 7 and Up" covers more advanced skills in a broader context, applicable less to defined subject areas than to curricula as a whole (Includes CD-ROM, a glossary and an index). "Research Projects: An Information Literacy Planner for Students" challenges students to put the information literacy skills they have acquired to work--analyzing a research topic, brainstorming for ideas, actively taking notes, creating bibliographies, and conducting focused research. (AEF)

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